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SUBJECT: TRIAL OF STUDENTS FROM CAIRO AREA UNIVERSITIES

REF: CAIRO 2759

1. SEVERAL SOURCES HAVE REPORTED THAT STUDENTS ON TRIAL SEPTEMBER 15 NUMBERED 56. OF THESE, ONLY EIGHT REMAIN UNDER ARREST, THE OTHER 48 HAVING BEEN RELEASED THIS PAST SUMMER PENDING THE FINAL COURT DECISION ON THEIR CASES.

2. THERE SEEMS TO BE CONSIDERABLE CONCERN AS TO BOTH THE OUTCOME OF THE TRIALS AND THE CURRENT STUDENT SITUATION IN EGYPT. EGYPTIANS WITHIN JOURNALISTIC CIRCUIT HAVE TOLD US THAT GOE HAS BEEN UNABLE TO DETERMINE HOW WIDESPREAD OR WELL ORGANIZED STUDENT OPPOSITION IS AT PRESENT TIME. SECURITY AUTHORITIES REPORTEDLY BELIEVE THAT UNIVERSITIES ARE BREEDING GROUND FOR TROUBLE, AND STUDENT GROUPS ARE TOO EASILY MANIPULATED BY FOREIGN INFLUENCE AND MONEY. THEY ARE DISTURBED BY EXISTENCE OF HARD-CORE OF EXTREME LEFTISTS, FIRST REVEALED DURING INVESTIGATION INTO STUDENT INCIDENTS OF EARLY 1972. THEY HAVE REPORTEDLY ALSO BEEN WATCHING WITH CONCERN DEVELOPMENT OF ANTI-GOVERNMENT MOVEMENT IN SUDANESE  
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UNIVERSITIES, ALTHOUGH NO LINK HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED BETWEEN WHAT HAS HAPPENED IN KHARTOUM AND WHAT MAY HAPPEN IN CAIRO.

3. THERE IS, AS A RESULT, CONSIDERABLE QUESTION AS TO OUT-COME OF TRIAL AND DATE OF REOPENING OF EGYPTIAN UNIVERSITIES. IF TRIALS ARE TO CONTINUE, UNIVERSITY REOPENING MAY HAVE TO BE POSTPONED UNTIL END OF OCTOBER, OR LATER, SO THAT TRIALS DO NOT CREATE INSTANCE FOR ANTI-GOVERNMENT DEMONSTRATIONS. ALTERNATIVELY, GOE MAY SIMPLY DECIDE TO EXTEND AMNESTY TO ALL STUDENTS UNDER TRIAL IN ORDER TO AVOID SUCH TROUBLE. AT THIS POINT, IT IS NOT AT ALL CERTAIN WHICH COURSE THE GOVERNMENT WILL TAKE.

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